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TEXT
TAGS:PGOV, PREL, BZ
SUBJECT: LIST OF STOLEN BDC
- DOCUMENTS N.Y. COMPANY TO AUCTION ON APRIL
- 16

REF: A) USBER 1154 B) KOBLITZ-STEWART 4/11, 4/13
TELCONS C) STATE 51905 C) USBER 452

1. PER REF TELCONS MISSION LEGAL ADVISER HAS
CONSULTED WITH EMBASSY BONN LEGATT DAVID BARHAM
CONCERNING THE IMPENDING AUCTION OF STOLEN BDC
DOCUMENTS. AT BARHAM'S REQUEST, MISSION PROVIDES
BELOW TWO LISTS OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN MOHAWK
ARMS' OFFERINGS FOR ITS APRIL 16 AUCTION. THE FIRST
LIST OF 6 DOCUMENTS, IN PARA 4, HAVE BEEN DEFINITELY
IDENTIFIED AS BDC DOCUMENTS AFTER A REVIEW OF BDC
MICROFILMS OF THE CENTER'S HOLDINGS. THE SECOND
LIST OF 43 DOCUMENTS, IN PARA 5, ARE STRONGLY

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SUSPECTED OF BEING BDC DOCUMENTS. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE AUCTION CATALOGUE OMITTS DATES OR OTHER KEY INFORMATION THAT WOULD CONFIRM BDC OWNERSHIP, BUT BDC DIRECTOR BELIEVES HE COULD DETERMINE BDC OWNERSHIP UPON EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. BERLIN PROSECUTORS HAVE JUST ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO BERLIN A HAMBURG AUCTIONEER, ANDRE HUESKEN, AND ARE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY IN THE CASE. HOWEVER, THEY STILL LACK CRITICAL EVIDENCE CONCERNING KEY MIDDLEMEN WHO MAY WELL BE THOSE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE BDC THEFTS. THEREFORE, WHILE MISSION OBVIOUSLY WISHES TO PREVENT THE AUCTIONING OF THE BDC DOCUMENTS IN UTICA AND SEE PROSECUTED ANY INDIVIDUALS IN N.Y. WHO ARE CULPABLE, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT LOSE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE VITAL TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE INVESTIGATION IN BERLIN. IN THIS REGARD, BERLIN PROSECUTORS BELIEVE THAT THE FILES AT MOHAWK ARMS CONTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING MOHAWK'S GERMAN SOURCE FOR THE STOLEN DOCUMENTS, AND WE RENEW OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT US INVESTIGATORS OBTAIN A SEARCH WARRANT AND SEIZE MOHAWK ARM'S CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER PERTINENT FILES BEFORE THE COMPANY IS ALERTED AND CAN DESTROY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE.

3. THE FACT THAT THE BDC THEFTS TOOK PLACE WHILE THE ARCHIVES WERE UNDER U.S. ADMINISTRATION, HEIGHTENS THE NEED FOR U.S. AUTHORITIES TO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN ASSISTING BERLIN PROSECUTORS. MISSION RENEWS ITS OFFER (REF. A) TO SEND THE BDC DIRECTOR TO UTICA, IF NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR ACQUIRING A SEARCH WARRANT AND TO EXAMINE ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT MIGHT BE SEIZED IN A SEARCH OF MOHAWK ARMS. PLEASE ADVISE. END ACTION REQUESTED.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS:

MOHAWK ARMS INC
MILITARIA ACTION CATALOG 12
P.O BOX 399
UTICA, NY 13503

PHONE: 315-724-1234

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1988:

THE FOLLOWING SIX DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING BDC PROPERTY REFLECTED IN MICROFILM TAKEN BEGINNING IN 1968:

ON PAGE 24 OF MOHAWK CATALOG, ITEM C13: SET OF FOUR 1933 DOCUMENTS FROM SA OBERGRUPPENFUHRER LUETZE TO SA HEADQUARTERS. ALL CONCERN SELECTION FOR

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PROMOTION DEALING WITH GRUPPENFUHRER KORSEMANN AND
BRIGADEFUHRER KOBBE. ALL FOUR SIGNED BY LUETZE.
KORSEMANN BECAME AN SS-GRUPPENFUHRER AND WAS HEAD OF
THE SS IN THE CAUCASUS REGION OF OCCUPIED RUSSIA.
HE WAS FIRED FROM HIS POSITION IN 1943 FOR HIS LACK
OF BACKBONE IN THE FACE OF THE SOVIET ADVANCE IN THE
AREA. ALL ON S.A. LETTERHEAD 11 1/2 X 8 7/8".
II.....257.00
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C-14: SS QUESTIONNAIRE TO SS OBERGRUPPENFUHRER KURT
DALUEGE, AUGUST 1937. TYPED BIOGRAPHICAL
INFORMATION TO BE USED IN THE 1937 SS
DIENSTALTERSLISTE (INCLUDED DECORATIONS, RANK
HELD-POLICE GENERAL, ETC.) SIGNED BY DALUEGE, HEAD
OF THE GERMAN POLICE AND LATER EXECUTED FOR WAR
CRIMES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AFTER THE WAR. 11 1/2 X 8
1/2. SCARCE. II.....125.00.

C-15: ORDERS FOR SS-HAUPTSTURMFUHRER DR. LUIG FOR
PROMOTION TO STURMBANNFUHRER, AUGUST 1939. SIGNED
BY SS-GRUPPENFUHRER WOLFF, HIMMLER'S ADJUTANT
(KNIGHTS CROSS WINNER AND LATER COMMANDER OF THE SS
IN ITALY). I.....75.U0

5. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE BDC
PROPERTY BUT CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED FROM
DESCRIPTION IN MOHAWK CATALOG. VISUAL REVIEW BY BDC
PERSONNEL WOULD BE NECESSARY.

(CATALOGUE PAGE NUMBER CANNOT BEEN SEEN) ITEM A-8:
GROUPING OF MATERIAL FROM HIGH RANKING NAZI OFFICIAL
MARTIN MATTHIESSEN (KREISLEITER, LANDESBAUERNFUEHRER
OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, SS-OBERFUHRER AND MEMBER OF
THE GREATER GERMANY REICHSTAG).

A. LETTER/AUSWEIS ON GAU N.S.D.A.P. STATIONARY FOR
KREISLEITER MATTHIESSEN TO ATTEND THE N.S.D.A.P.
"SUDERDITHMARSCH" SEPT. 2, 1929. STAMPED AND ALSO
INK SIGNATURE OF GAULEITER HEINRICH LOHSE-SA
GRUPPENFUHRER AND LATER REICH COMMISSIONER FOR THE
"OSTLAND". (AGE SPOTTING AND WEAR ON EDGES).

B. BIRTHDAY GOOD WISHES FROM, AND INK SIGNED, BY
DR.HERMANN REISCHLE (ORGANIZATION STAFF LEADER OF
THE REICHSBAUREN-FUHRERS), DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1937.

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C. LETTER ON "REICHSBAUERNFUHRER" LETTERHEAD TO MATTHIESSEN, THANKING HIM FOR THE NEW YEAR'S GOOD WISHES AND THE GIFT BOOK, DATED JAN. 1, 1939. INK SIGNATURE OF WALTER DARRE (REICH FARMER'S LEADER AND MINISTER OF FOOD, SS-OBERGRUPPENFUHRER AND HEAD OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR RACE AND RESETTLEMENT). TEAR AT TOP.

D. LETTER FROM "DER REICHSOBMAN" EXTENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES. FEB. 25, 1939. INK SIGNATURE UNDECIPHERABLE.

E. LETTER EXPRESSING "JULFEST" WISHES FROM AND INK SIGNED BY REICHSBAUERNFUHRER WALTER DARRE. NOT DATED.

F. LETTER FROM DARRE REMINDING MATTHIESSEN TO FOLLOW HIS OFFICE WITH THE "NATIONAL ADVISORS FOR NUTRITION AND AGRICULTURE". INK SIGNED.

G. LETTER FROM THE REICHSMINISTER FOR OCCUPIED EASTERN TERRITORIES-ALFRED ROSENBERG APPOINTING MATTHIESSEN A "REICHSKOMMISSAR" FOR THE EASTERN TERRITORIES IN RIGA. DATED DEC. 12, 1942. INK SIGNED. (ROSENBERG WAS EXECUTED AT NURNBERG FOR WAR CRIMES).

H. ORDER TO "WAR ADMINISTRATOR CHIEF" MATTHIESSEN FROM THE "REICHSKOMMISSAR FUR DAS OSTLAND" TO REPORT FOR DUTY IN THE EAST ON DEC. 12, 1942.

I. LETTER WITH NEW YEARS' WISHES AND INK SIGNATURE OF "DER REICHSMINISTER FUR ERNAHRUNG AND LANDWIRTSCHAFT" HERBERT BACK (SS-OBERGRUPPENFUHRER, REICHSMINISTER AND STAATSRAT MEMBER). FEB. 26, 1943.

J. AWARD CITATION FOR THE N.S.D.A.P., 3RD CLASS LONG SERVICE AWARD (BRONZE). LARGE EMBOSSED NAZI EAGLE AT TOP AND SECOND EAGLE AT BOTTOM. RED AND BROWN LETTERING. DATED JAN 1, 1940. FACSIMILE HITLER SIGNATURE. 15 1/2 X 11 11 3/4.
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K. SIMILAR TO ABOVE, BUT FOR 2ND CLASS AWARD. 3"
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L. LARGE 15 X 11 1/4 HOFFMAN PHOTO OF HITLER WALKING WITH LARGE GROUP OF SS AND N.S.D.A.P OFFICIALS. HITLER IS NEXT TO A FAMILIAR SS MEMBER OF HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARD, SS OBERFUHRER JULIUS SCHAUB, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN GAULEITER LOHSE, AND AN SS-OBERGRUPPENFUHRER WEARING A WHITE CUFFTITLE (STOSSTRUPP **ADOLF HITLER**) OR AN "EHRENFUHRER" HONORARY SS TITLE OF RANK). OTHER FIGURES UNIDENTIFIED. PHOTO FROM 1934-1936 (USING INSIGNIA AS A GUIDE).

M. MATTHIESSEN'S RIBBON BAR: 1914-18 COMBATANTS CROSS W/SWORDS DEVICE, 1939 WAR MERIT CROSS, AND BOTH THE 2ND AND 1ST CLASS N.S.D.A.P. LONG SERVICE CROSSES.

AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL LOT SHOWING THE INTERLOCKING RELATIONSHIP OF THE N.S.D.A.P. AND SS TO FOOD PRODUCTION AND POLICIES IN THE EAST.
II.....495.00

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ITEM C-6: WAFFEN SS DIVISION "NORD" STURRMANN FRITZ KUHNHENN.

A. FINLAND-FREEDOM MEDAL, 2ND CLASS. AWARDED OCT. 10, 1941. FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF A GENERALMAJOR, WITH MEDAL MISSING RIBBON. "PB".

B. FINNISH OFFICIAL CITATION FOR ABOVE (14 1/2 X 10 1/4). FACSIMILE MARSCHALL MANNERHEIM SIGNATURE. "PB".

C. EASTERN FRONT MEDAL. AWARDED AUGUST 10, 1942. KUHNHENN NOW A ROTTENFUHRER IN SS MT. STURMBANNFUHRER AND "REGT. FUHRER". P.B.

D. DRIVERS BADGE IN BRONZE. AWARDED JUNE 10, 1943. SIGNED BY A STANDARTENFUHRER. P.B.

E. WAR MERIT CROSS, 2ND CLASS, WITH SWORDS. AWARDED APRIL 20, 1944. SIGNED BY "OBERGRUPPENFUHRER GENERAL DER WAFFEN-SS UND POLIZEI" KRUGER. (K.C. RECIPIENT AND DIVISION COMMANDER.) P.B.

F. ENAMELED NAZI FINNISH BADGE.

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ITEM: C-18 3 DOCUMENTS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EDWARD ERNST MEHNER

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A. OFFICIAL PRUSSIAN APPOINTMENT TO "MARKSCHNEIDER"
IN THALLE REGION. DEC. 9, 1864. WITH LARGE EMBOSSED
SEAL, SIGNATURES, ETC.

B. PROMOTION-APRIL 3, 1866. SIMILAR TO ABOVE.

C. PROMOTION-NEW POSTING TO CAMMIN IN POMMERANIA.
MAY 15, 1916. SIMILAR TO ABOVE.

LOT, II.....22.00

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ITEM C-31: "MINISTERIALPASS" (DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT)
FOR FRAU JOHANNA WEIDENSTROSS. GREEN LEATHERETTE
COVER WITH GOLD EMBOSSED "DEUTSCHES REICH",
EAGLE/SWASTIKA, ETC. ISSUED IN BERLIN 194U.
COMPLETE WITH INFORMATION, STAMPINGS, PHOTO, ETC.
FRAU WEIDENSTROSS WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DIPLOMATIC
MISSION IN MADRID. SCARCE. II.....145.00

C-35: SAME FOR FERDINAND GROLLER. OCCUPATIONS.
FLOWER DESIGNED AND VALET. VIENNA EMPLOYMENT
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RECORDINGS 1939-1940. LARGE EAGLE/SWASTIKA ON COVER
AND EACH PAGE. II.....10.00
GILMORE

ADMIN
END OF MESSAGE

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